

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Germans and German-Americans to the State of Indiana.

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*Whereas, according to the 1990 U.S. Census 2,084,667 Hoosiers reported having German ancestry, making 37.6 percent of the state's total population of German descent;*

*Whereas, Germans and German-Americans have also played an important role in the history of Indiana, including the formation of a regiment in the Civil War known as the "First German Regiment." This unit, officially operating as the 32nd Indiana Volunteer Infantry Regiment, consisted entirely of German immigrants and the descendants of local German settlers;*

*Whereas, in recognition of common servicemen, the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, completed in 1901 and dedicated 100 years ago in 1902, was designed by Bruno Schmitz of Berlin, Germany's foremost architect of national monuments;*

*Whereas, the bronze Army astragal sculptural band above the monument base was designed by Nicolaus Geiger of Berlin, and the astragal band and eight candelabra were manufactured in Berlin;*



*Whereas, given this large impact upon the state, the Indiana German Heritage Society was founded as a statewide historical and educational membership organization designed to promote an interest in the German-American heritage of Indiana and to encourage and support the preservation and celebration of this heritage; and*

*Whereas, this year's annual meeting of the Society will commemorate the contributions of Germans and German-Americans in the design and construction of the Monument, as well as the honorable service of Germans and German-Americans in the Civil War: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the General Assembly, on behalf of the people
- 2 of the State of Indiana, does hereby recognize and honor the
- 3 contributions of Germans and German-Americans to the State of
- 4 Indiana.
- 5           SECTION 2. That the General Assembly does also congratulate
- 6 the Indiana German Heritage Society for its important contribution to
- 7 the perseveration of Indiana's cultural heritage.
- 8           SECTION 3. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 9 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Ruth Reichman, President of the
- 10 Indiana German Heritage Society.

